BY THE

Lords Juſtices

AND

COUNCIL,

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PROCLAMATION.

Wincheſter, Gallway.

WHEREAS great quantities of Falſe Counterfeit Money, made to the likeneſs of the Good and Legal Gold and Silver Coin, currant in this Kingdom, have been Imported into, or Made, and Counterfeited in the ſame; and ſuch Counterfeit Coin, is ordinarily paſſed in payment to Poor and Unſkillful Perſons, to the great prejudice of this Realm: For the better Prevention, and Remedy of the ſame, for the future, We have thought fit to Iſſue this Our Proclamation, Requiring and Commanding all Judges, Juſtices of Peace, and other Officers of Juſtice, duly and ſtrictly to put the Laws of Force in this Kingdom, againſt Coiners, and Utterers of Falſe Money, in Execution. And whereas much of the Falſe Money is Uttered by ſeveral Perſons, who Buy up the ſame as Falſe and Counterfeit, at lower Rates then the Intrinſick value of the Metal, whereof ſuch Counterfeit Coin is made, yet afterwards Paſs and Pay away the ſame, as Good and Lawful Money; and when the ſame is Diſcovered to be Falſe and Counterfeit, the ſaid Perſons do uſually ſhelter themſelves under a pretence of being Ignorant that the ſame was Counterfeit:

10 December 1697

To the end such Pe[illegible] be without Excuse, and as much of the [illegible] possible, may be utterly defaced, so as never to be a[illegible] We do hereby strictly Require and Command, [illegible] Persons, do hereafter Buy or Sell any false or [illegible] in this Kingdom, until the same shall be cut in the middle, or so defaced and broken that the same may not pass again as Coin, or be paid away to any Person whatsoever, but may remain in the hand of the Buyer as so much Metal only, and not bear the Shape, Likeness, or Figure of any Money Legally Current in this Realm, under pain of being Prosecuted and punished for Contempts of this Our Proclamation, and Enemy's to the publick welfare of the Kingdom, according to the Strictness and utmost Severity of the Law.

Given at the Council-Chamber in *Dublin*, the Tenth Day of *December*, 1697.

J. Methuen, C. Inchiquin, Montrath, Drogheda, Mount-Alexander, Rob. Fitz-Gerald, Char. Feilding, P. Savage, Ri. Pyne, R. Molesworth.

God Save the King.

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